eye infections particularly because of its specific action against Trachome. Prednisolone, Betamethasone eye preparations are not reported to have any added advantages over hydrocortisone eye preparations.

Vitamin 'A' which may also be required under Mother and Child Health Programme is under evaluation for making recommendations to the Department of Chemicals for its inclusion under Category—I of the Drugs Price Control Order, 1987.

Statement

Names of drugs approved for marketing for Opthalmic use since 1985 in topical forms suitable for eye use

1. Timolol Maleate Ophthalmic Solution —2.5 mg./5mg. nor ml.
2. Acycloviv Ophthalmic Ointment—3 per cent
3. Econazole Ophthalmic Ointment—1 per cent
4. Tobramycin Ophthalmic Solution—9.03 per cent.
5. Eilver Sulphadiazine Ophthalmic Ointment—1 per cent.

Increase in T.B. Cases

1082. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHIŞHI): Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present number of T.B. cases in the country and the number of people who died during last three years;

(b) what is the duration of treatment of T.B.;

(c) what drugs are used for treatment of TB and what is their cost per day;

(d) whether any vitamin preparations are also being prescribed along with anti-TB medicines;

(e) if so, what are the names thereof;

(f) whether it is a fact that a number of drugs combination have been allowed for marketing for treatment of TB at exorbitant prices;

(g) if so, composition of each of these combinations, along with strength, pack and price of each;

(h) whether it is a fact that prices of most of combinations have not been fixed and drug companies are overcharging;

(i) whether Government have received any complaint in this regard and

(j) if so, the details thereof action taken therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH A FAMILY WELFARE (KUM SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Tuberculosis is not a notifiable disease as such no statistics regarding numb of persons suffering from T.B. is available.

As per the records available the number of persons who died due T.B. during the last three years is under:

1985	..	9933
1986	..	9425
1987	..	8796

(b) Under the conventional therapy i.e. with Injection streptomycin, INH, PAS, Thiacetazone etc., the duration of treatment is 12—18 months. However, with the use of latest anti-TB drugs like refampicin and Pyrazinamide along with INH etc. the duration of treatment for such patients has come down to about 6 to 8 months.

(c) Under the programme the following anti-TB drugs are used for the treatment of TB patients:

1 Injection Streptomycin Sulphate.
2. I.N.H.
3. P.A.S.
4. Thiacetazone
5. Ethambutel
6. Rifampicin and
7. Pyrazinamide

Under the National Programme for Control of Tuberculosis free diagnostic and treatment facilities are available in country.

(d) and (e) Vitamin preparations are generally required for those TB patients who exhibit certain signs and symptoms of deficiency of a particular vitamin(s). Further, in those patients

who are prescribed biweekly intermittent regiments containing INH in higher dosage, Vitamin B6 (Pyridoxin) is usually prescribed along with anti-TB drugs to prevent peripheral neuropathy.

(f) and (g) The combination of rugs marketed in the country for the reatment of tuberculosis are:—

1. Rifampicin 450 mg + INH 300 — strip of 2 capsules.
2. Ethambutol 800 mg + INH 300 mg — strip of 19 tablets.
3. Sodium PAS 834 mg + INH 25 mg — a bottle of 100 tablets.
4. Thiacitazone 150 mg + INH 30 mg — a Pack of 10 tablets.
5. Steptomycin sulphate 1 gm + Sodiummethanesulfonate of INH 300 mg per vial — each vial

(h) to (j) No such complaint has been received in this regard in this Ministry.

12.00 NOON

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notifications of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Culture)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SAHI): Sir. I beg to lay on the Table, uner sub-section (3) of section 15 of the Asiatic Society Act, 1984, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Culture):—

(i) G.S.R. No. 25(E), dated the 13th January, 1988, publishing a Corrigendum to G.S.R. No. 888(E), dated the 3rd November, 1987.

(ii) G.S.R. No. 26(E), dated the 13th January, 1988, publishing a corrigendum to G.S.R. No. 470(E), dated the 25th June, 1984.

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Notifications of the Ministry of Surface Transport (Port Wing)

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND THE DEPUTY MNISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. NAMGYAL): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table, under sub-section (4) of section 124 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Surface Transport (Port Wing):

(i) G.S.R. No. 554(E), dated the 6th May, 1988, approving the Tuticorin Port Trust (Licensing of Stevedores) Amendment Regulations, 1987.

(ii) G.S.R. No. 555(E), dated the 6th May, 1988, approving the Cochin Port (Issue of Stevedoring Licences) Regulations, 1987.

(iii) G.S.R. No: 637(E), dated the 23rd May, 1988, approving the Calcutta Port Trust Contributory Provident Fund Regulations, 1988.

(iv) G.S.R. No. 640(E), dated the 24th May, 1988, approving the Visakhapatnam Port Employees (Conduct) Amendment Regulations, 1988.

(v) G.S.R. No. 642(E), dated the 24th May, 1988, approving the Kandla Port Employees (General Provident Fund) (4th Amendment) Regulations, 1988.

(vi) G.S.R. No. 667(E), ,dated the 1st June, 1988, approving the Calcutta Port Trust Non-Contributory Provident Fund Regulations, 1988.

(vii) G.S.R. No. 668(E), dated the 1st June, 1988 approving the Mormugao Port Employees' (Conduct) (Amendment) Regulations, 1988.

(viii) G.S.R. No. 715(E) dated the 20th June, 1988 approving the Madras Port Trust (Pension Fund) Amendment Regulations 1988

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